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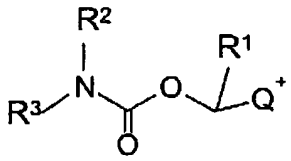
Please amend the claims as shown below:

1. (Twice amended) A compound of the formula (I),



X- (I)

wherein

Q is a 3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl)]-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-butan-2-ol moiety which is linked to the remainder of the compound of formula (I) by a nitrogen in the azole;

R^1 is hydrogen or alkyl;

R^2 is hydrogen, alkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, mono- or dialkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

R^3 is pyridin-2-yl or substituted pyridin-2-yl; and

X^- is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion,

wherein

when R^3 is substituted pyridin-2-yl, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluormethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Twice amended) Compounds of claim 1 wherein R^3 is substituted pyridin-2-yl.

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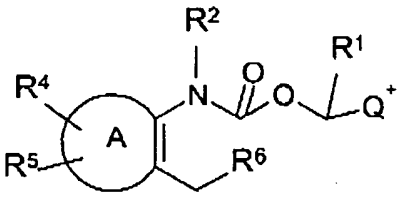
3. (Amended) Compounds of claim 2 having formula (II),



X⁻ (II)

wherein

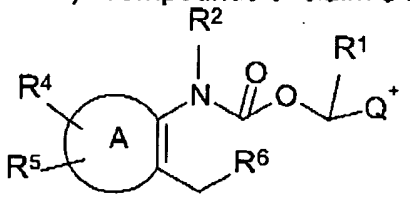
R^1, R^2, Q, and X are as defined in claim 1; group 

is pyridin-2-yl;

R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluormethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl; and

R^6 is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino.

4. (Amended) Compounds of claim 3 having formula (III),



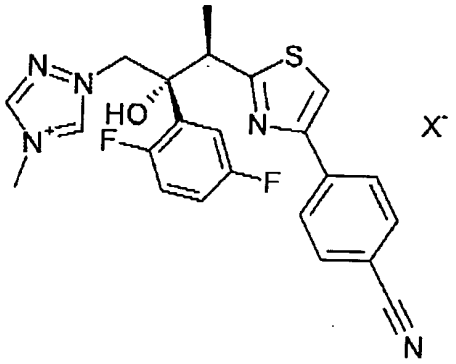
X⁻ (III)

wherein

R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl or sulfo; and

R^6 is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino.

14. (Amended) Compounds of claim 1 wherein Q is



as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates thereof.

30. (Twice amended) An pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the subject application.